



CITY OF
Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

May 10, 2016

Mr. Ed Pilolla
Editor-in- Chief
Palos Verdes Peninsula News
609 Deep Valley Drive, Suite 200
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Dear Ed:

Articles in the Peninsula News have incorrectly portrayed the City of Palos Verdes Estates' response to complaints and alleged criminal activities at a popular local surfing spot. The City has not ignored and will not ignore any complaint of criminal activity within the City, including Lunada Bay. The City and its Police Department have actively investigated all complaints. The City of Palos Verdes Estates and the Police Department remain committed to protecting the safety of all those who live, visit, shop and recreate in the City.

As such, Palos Verdes Estates remains one of the safest communities in Southern California.

Recent images and statements cast by the news media are false and misleading. We encourage the public not to jump to conclusions based on a few statements taken out of context or a few false and inflammatory allegations raised in a lawsuit. The Times, unfortunately, has decided to publish unsubstantiated statements and innuendo. Despite the news media's characterization, we do not tolerate unlawful activity and our Police Department is dedicated to and focused on protecting and preserving public safety. Our residents, businesses and visitors are served by a dedicated Police Department. Our City administration is focused on ensuring our residents and local businesses – as well as visitors – are treated fairly and equitably, and that our open areas remain attractive and available for public use.

The City is making every effort to address Lunada Bay issues and the matters about which the community, the public and the City mutually care.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jennifer L. King
Mayor
Palos Verdes Estates